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Validity Study of NIE 62-57:

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1. A virtually complete change in the top Thai leadership has taken place since publication of NIE 62-57. The estimate called attention to the intense rivalry between the Phao and Sarit factions. It stated that the chances of the 1947 coup group maintaining a working relationship were "about even" and that "the most likely outcome of a major change in leadership would be Sarit's ascendancy to dominant leadership."

2. Events to date have confirmed the basic estimate that the nature of Thai politics and Thai domestic and foreign policies would not change radically, at least in the short run, in the event of a shift in leadership.

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